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During the second quarter of 1950, the volume of capital works on railroad transport increased 32 percent in comparison with the corresponding period of 1949.

FREIGHT HAULING, CAR LOADING UP -- Krasnaya Zvezda, 30 Jul 50

In 1948, the railroad systems exceeded the prewar level of freight hauling, and at present carloadings exceed considerably the level planned for the last year of the Five-Year Plan.

Izvestiya, 30 Jul 50

Railroad transport, having exceeded in 1948 the prewar level of freight hauling, at present is loading far more than 100,000 cars a day.

Kommunist, 30 Jul 50

More than 80 percent of all the freight and more than 90 percent of all the passengers carried in the USSR are carried by railroad transport.

Trud, 29 Jul 50

The railroads at present effect 85 percent of the total freight turnover of the country and consume 30 percent of all the coal and 25 percent of all the metal produced.

At present, 10 percent of all the workers and employees employed in the national economy of the USSR work on the railroads.

Krasnaya Zvezda, 30 Jul 50

In 1949, 155 tons more freight were carried in each freight car in comparison with 1935, and the average weight of a freight train was 400 tons higher. Average speed including stops during this period increased 35 percent.

Moskovskiy Komsomolets, 30 Jul 50

During 1949, thanks to the movement to achieve average daily locomotive runs of 500 kilometers, the average daily locomotive distance traveled was increased 8.4 percent over the 1948 figure, average speed including stops was increased by one kilometer, and 500,000 tons of fuel were saved.

In the prewar years, the railroad systems received 90,000 kilometers of rails, 12,000 powerful steam locomotives, and more than 500,000 cars.

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